

House Resolution 1041 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Davis of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 To designate certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

### 2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams passed the certified public accountant examination on his first  
4 attempt and won an award for scoring the highest grade in Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, he served on the staff of Price Waterhouse & Company in New York City and  
6 went on to head the largest accounting firm in Tallahassee, Florida; and

7 WHEREAS, he is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Killearn, Inc., a developer  
8 of quality golf course communities, including the premier developments Eagle's Landing and  
9 Eagle's Brooke, in Henry County, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams is responsible for bringing the prestigious LPGA professional  
11 golf tournament to the Eagle's Landing Country Club, and this annual event has generated  
12 tremendous revenue and positive public relations for Henry County; and

13 WHEREAS, he is the Chairman of the Projects and Planning Committee of the Georgia  
14 Regional Transportation Authority, a member of the Congestion Mitigation Task Force, the  
15 former Chairman of Finance of the North Georgia Metro Water Board, the former Chairman  
16 of the Georgia Board of Education, a former member of the Hospital Steering Committee in  
17 Rabun County, the former Vice-Chairman of Henry County Health Systems, Inc.; and

18 WHEREAS, he is the General Chairman of the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, the past  
19 Chairman and currently on the executive committee of the Atlanta Regional Business  
20 Coalition, the former Chairman of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the past  
21 President of the Tallahassee Rotary Club; and

1 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams is the former Trustee of the Radio and Television Commission  
2 and former Trustee of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention,  
3 the former Trustee of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the former General  
4 Chairman of the North Florida Billy Graham Crusade, the past President of the Bill Glass  
5 Prison Ministries, and has taught Sunday school for over 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2004, he was awarded the Herman Talmadge Visionary Award by the Henry  
7 County Chamber of Commerce, honoring the person with vision who has contributed the  
8 most to positive growth and economic development in Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, he has three sons (Joe, David, and Bert), and 12 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, his presence and developments in Henry County and elsewhere have improved  
11 the quality of life and promoted economic prosperity and his life of service to the business,  
12 civic, and religious groups in his community is worthy of respect and admiration.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 GEORGIA that the bridge over I-75 on Eagle's Landing Parkway is dedicated as the J. T.  
15 Williams Honorary Bridge.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
17 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating said bridge. Signs shall be erected  
18 on I-75 North, I-75 South, and on each end of the bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to J. T. Williams and the  
21 Department of Transportation.

## 22 **PART II**

23 WHEREAS, the Champion family was one of the founding families of Harris County,  
24 Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, this family has lived in the vicinity of the Champion Crossroads for generations;  
26 and

1 WHEREAS, members of the Champion family have been outstanding civic and business  
2 leaders and have been instrumental in promoting the growth and development of Harris  
3 County; and

4 WHEREAS, the Champion family has embraced and demonstrated the values espoused by  
5 the community and has shown a sincere devotion and commitment to Harris County and all  
6 of its citizens.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
8 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 18 at its intersection with Bethany Church Road and Hasty  
9 Road be dedicated as the Champion Crossroads; and the Department of Transportation is  
10 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the Champion  
11 Crossroads.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of  
14 Transportation.

### 15 **PART III**

16 WHEREAS, SPC Justin W. Johnson was a member of the United States Army's 1st Cavalry  
17 Division, 1st and 82nd Field Artillery serving in Iraq; and

18 WHEREAS, Justin was born on June 25, 1981, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and moved to Rome,  
19 Georgia, when he was four years old; and

20 WHEREAS, he attended West Central Elementary and Glenwood Elementary schools and  
21 graduated from Armuchee High in 2000; and

22 WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in January, 2002, in reaction to the attacks on  
23 the United States on September 11, 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, SPC Justin W. Johnson arrived in Baghdad, Iraq, on March 30, 2004, and 12  
25 days later on April 10, 2004, while serving as a gunner on an Humvee, was killed in action  
26 when his patrol was hit by a roadside bomb; and

1 WHEREAS, Justin has been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense  
2 Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary  
3 Medal, and the Good Citizenship Award by the National Society of the Sons of the American  
4 Revolution; and

5 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, who in the spirit of the American patriot, volunteered  
6 to confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service and in the spirit of  
7 humanity strived to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as  
8 a nation truly proud; and

9 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed  
10 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for  
11 this nation and other peoples of the world.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 GEORGIA that the intersection of SR 53 with SR 140 in Floyd County be dedicated as the  
14 SPC Justin W. Johnson Memorial Interchange, and the Department of Transportation is  
15 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the SPC Justin  
16 W. Johnson Memorial Interchange.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of SPC Justin W.  
19 Johnson and to the Department of Transportation.

#### 20 **PART IV**

21 WHEREAS, Joseph Jones, Sr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 6, 1926, the third of  
22 the nine children of Ernest and Carrie Jones; and

23 WHEREAS, he was educated in the Atlanta Public School System; and

24 WHEREAS, he fought for his country with the United States Navy and was honorably  
25 discharged as Seaman First Class, V-6, on November 28, 1945; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1945, he was united in marriage to Darnella Shell and to their loving union  
27 were born seven children; and

1 WHEREAS, he was licensed as a minister of the Gospel while a member of Norwood  
2 Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

3 WHEREAS, he worked at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company for over 35 years and  
4 served as a Business Representative for Machinist Local #709; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones was active in his community as the PTA President of Clara  
6 Maxwell Pitts Elementary School, and was a member of Ashlar Smooth Masons #574; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions of Reverend Joseph  
8 Jones, Sr., in the City of Atlanta and in the State of Georgia be appropriately recognized.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 GEORGIA that the memory of Reverend Joseph Jones, Sr., is honored and that the bridge  
11 located at the point where SR 70 (Bolton Road) crosses I-285 in Fulton County is dedicated  
12 as the Joseph Jones, Sr., Bridge.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
14 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so dedicating the bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the late  
17 Reverend Joseph Jones, Sr., and the Department of Transportation.